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**COMMISSIONER GOMEZ STATEMENT ON  
ACP WIND DOWN AND INTRODUCTION OF BIPARTISAN FUNDING  
LEGISLATION**

WASHINGTON, January 11, 2024 — Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Commissioner Anna M. Gomez issued the following statement today on the announcement of the wind down process for the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) and the introduction of bipartisan legislation to extend funding of the program:

“Thanks to the Affordable Connectivity Program, nearly 23 million households across the United States have broadband connectivity today. The ACP benefits every corner of the country – from rural, urban, and suburban to communities on Tribal lands – and it has been key to connecting communities historically on the wrong side of the digital divide. We are at a critical time for the program and I am dismayed that the Commission finds itself with no choice but to initiate the wind down process. A loss of funding will mean a loss of trust in this public-private partnership that could squander this opportunity to close the digital divide. I commend the Chairwoman’s good stewardship of these vital funds. I am also heartened to see bipartisan Congressional efforts to fund the ACP led by Senators Welch and Vance and Representatives Clarke and Fitzpatrick. I remain hopeful that this program will continue to be funded.”

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